PROGRESS REPORT NO. 1

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(Via Email)

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DATE: August 9, 2006

RE: Upper Columbia River Remedial Investigation/Feasibility Study (RI/FS) -

Progress Report No. 1: Month Ending July 2006

Pursuant to Paragraph 39 of the June 2, 2006 Settlement Agreement, the following is intended to provide a summary of the activities completed during the past month in compliance with the aforementioned Agreement. In addition, it is also intended to provide a summary of proposed activities to be carried out within the coming months.

Table 1. Upper Columbia River Remedial Investigation/Feasibility Study
Summary of On-Going and Planned Activities

Task Description	Status	Issues	Estimated Completion Date
2005 Field Data Transfer	On-going	 Incomplete data (e.g., field logs, bioassay) Metadata (i.e., sampling coordinates) Units of measure (i.e., wet- vs. dry-weight) 	To Be Determined
Technical Memorandum ^{1.}	On-going	None to report at this time	90 days following the Start Date ^{2.}
Draft RI/FS Work Plan	On-going	None to report at this time	150 days following the Start Date ^{3.}
Sampling and Analysis Plan(s)	On-going	None to report at this time	210 days following the Start Date ⁴
Health and Safety Plan	On-going	None to report at this time	210 days following the Start Date ⁴

Notes: 1.

- As outlined within the Agreement the technical memorandum will outline and described the Remedial Action Objectives for the Ecological Risk Assessment.
- 2. Tentatively due no later than October 4, 2006.
- 3. Tentatively due no later than December 4, 2006.
- 4. Tentatively due no later than January 31, 2007.

As outlined within Table 1, efforts towards completing scoping activities have been initiated and are progressing well. In general, on-going activities include the review, summary and interpretation of historic (pre- and including 2005) data collected at the Upper Columbia River (UCR) site for all media. It is anticipated that these activities will continue in the upcoming months.

In addition to the above mentioned and in accordance with Paragraph 44 of the Agreement, efforts are underway to pre-pay EPA's estimated future RI/FS costs for the period between June

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2, 2006 through September 30, 2007. As such, prepayment will be made available to EPA no later than August 25, 2006 in accordance with Paragraph 45 of the Agreement.

Should you have any questions or require any additional information, please do not hesitate to contact me.

cc. David Godlewski - TCAI